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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 03/22/2002

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2002. Enclosed is a Petition requesting a one-month extension of time which extends the period for reply to July 22, 2002.

Please enter the amendments attached and consider the remarks which follow

AMENDMENTS

In the Description

Please insert the amendments as shown in the attached blacklined copy of amended paragraphs. Also attached is a clean replacement copy of each amended paragraph.

In the Claims:

1. Please cancel claims 4 – 7 and claims 15 – 24.

2. Please amend claims 1, 2, 9 and 11 as shown in the attached blacklined copy of the amended claims. A clean replacement copy of the claims is also attached.